

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1052

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2011, Mississippi lost one of its great treasures with the passing of State Senator Jack Gordon; and

WHEREAS, Senator Gordon was married to the former Martha Ann Estes and they were the parents of three daughters; and

WHEREAS, Senator Gordon was first elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives in 1972 and served until 1980. He was then elected to the Senate in 1980 and served until 1992. In 1996 Senator Gordon was once again elected to the Senate where he served until his death; and

WHEREAS, in his first Senate term while chairing the Education Committee, Senator Gordon helped pass the Education Reform Act that established kindergarten in public schools; and

WHEREAS, Senator Gordon chaired the Appropriations Committee from 1988 to 1992 and from 2000 to 2008; and

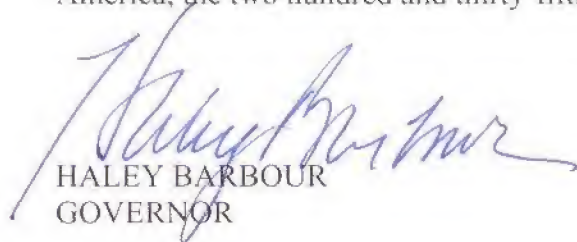
WHEREAS, the prayers of this State are with the family and friends of Senator Jack Gordon;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Haley Barbour, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim a period of official mourning in the State of Mississippi and do hereby order the State Flag to be flown at half-staff from sun-up to sun-down on all buildings and grounds of the State of Mississippi and all areas under its jurisdiction on Tuesday, May 10, 2011, in remembrance of a dedicated Mississippi public servant, State Senator Jack Gordon of Okolona.

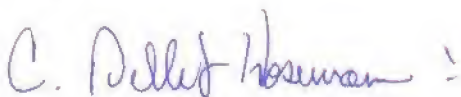
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol in the City of Jackson, the 9th day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-fifth.




HALEY BARBOUR
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:



SECRETARY OF STATE